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SUBJECT: SHIPPING: PROPOSED LATIN AMERICAN-CARIBBEAN SHIPPING VENTURE.

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1. MEXICO CITY PRESS CARRIED BRIEF NOTICE ON THE RETURN FEBRUARY 28, 1975 FROM A SEVEN DAY TRIP TO CUBA (REFTEL A) OF RUBEN GONZALEZ SOSA, GOM FONOFF UNDER-SECRETARY. HE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT FIEDEL CASTRO "OFFERED SUPPORT TO THE CREATION OF A CARIBBEAN MERCHANT FLEET". NO FURTHER DETAILS OF THIS "SUPPORRT" WERE GIVEN, BUT CUBA WILL REPORTEDLY SEND A DELEGATION TO MEXICO TO PARTICIPATE IN TECHNICAL MEETING NOW DUE TO START ON MARCH 14, 1975.

2. GONZALEZ SOSA, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ENRIQUE GONZALEZ, DIRECTOR COSTA RICAN FOREIGN COMMERCE INSTITUTE, SAID THAT ONLY FOUR OF SEVENTEEN CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES HAD NOT COME OUT IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED ORGANIZATION - HAITI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, GRANADA AND GUYANA. IT WAS STATED THAT NOT ALL CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES WILL CONTRIBUTE CAPITAL, BUT NEVERTHELESS "ALL WILL HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS". THE PROPOSED FLEET WILL HAVE AN "INTEGRATINIST SPIRIT" AND WILL INHIBIT TRIANGULAR TRADE AND THE USE OF SHIPS OF TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES. THE TECHNICAL MEETING OF MARCH 14 (PARA ONE) WILL, HE SAID, CONSIDER DETAILS SUCH AS ROUTES, ITINERARIES, TARIFFS, PORTS-OF-CALL, ETC. THE DOCUMENT SETTING UP THE ORGANIZATION WILL BE SIGNED IN ANOTHER MEETING IN COSTA RICA IN APRIL 1975.

3. A SEPARATE ARTICLE NOTED THAT A MEXICAN DELEGATION HEADED BY GOM UNDERSECRETARY OF NAVY VICE ADMIRAL RICARDO CHAZARO LARA ARRIVED IN TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS ON FEBUARY 28, 1975, TO ENCOURAGE THAT COUNTRY TO JOIN THE VENTURE.

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4. NEVERTHELESS, IN A CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR JOVA, GOM SECRETARY OF NATIONAL PATRIMONY FRANCICO JAVIER ALEJO (REFTEL B) STATED THAT THIS CARIBBEAN FLEET WILL HAVE ONLY SECOND PRIORITY TO THE STRENGTHENING OF MEXICO'S OWN FLEET, AND WILL START IN SMALL, REALISTIC STEP-BY-STEP WAY, GROWING ONLY AS DEMAND WARRANTS. JOVA

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